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Teng Comes Calling

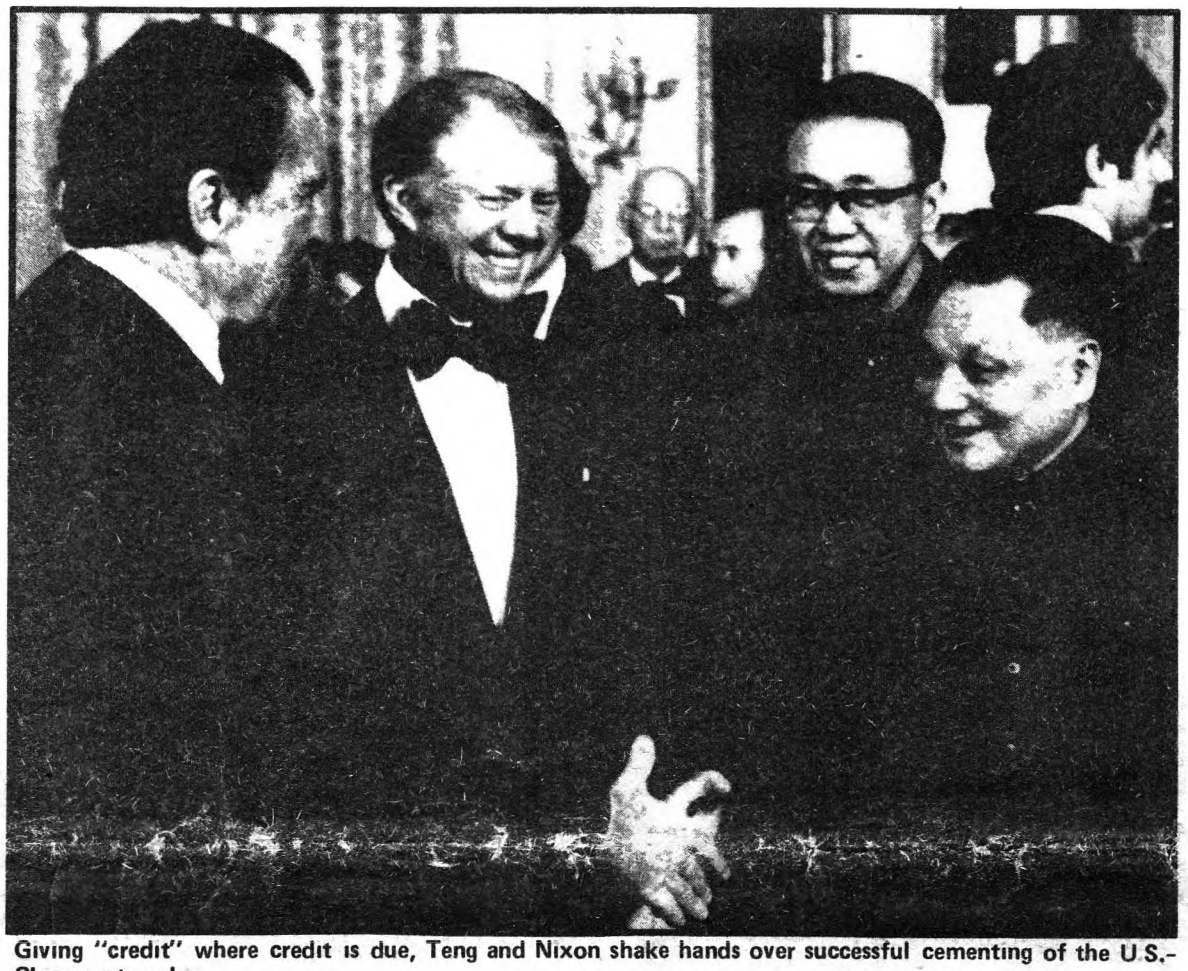
Official Seal of Approval on U.S.- China Alliance

If there remained any doubt as to the imperialist ambitions of China and the counter-revolutionary alliance between U S imperialism and the Chinese revisionists, the declarations and actions made during the state visit of Teng Hsiao p ing to the U S should have convinced all those who care to know the facts As the Joint Communique issued by Carter and Teng blazenly declares, "The two sides reviewed the international situation and agreed that in many areas they have common interests and share similar points of view "

Facts today confirm that the U S has in no way changed its basic imperialist nature It is China which in recent years has changed, and abandoned any semblance of socialist construction

Ever since Henry Kissinger's secret visit to Peking in1971, the similarity of the stands taken by China and the U S in the world has grown more nd more stark Their stands toward Vietnam, toward the anti-fascist struggles in Iran and Chile, and toward the struggle for democracy and socialism elsewhere in the world have become almost identical

After his first visit to Peking, Richard Nixon remarked, "We must build a bridge long enough to link San Francisco and Peking " By the 11th Congress of the Communist Party of China in 1978, China had announced that they desired more than to link San Francisco and Peking Their ambition is to walk in the footsteps of U S imperialism, and to become a modern imperialist power in the world This the Chinese revisionists have translated into their plan for the so called "Four Modernizations "



Giving "credit" where credit is due, Teng and Nixon shake hands over successful cementing of the U.S.-China partnership

Unmistakably, China has begun a new long march, the march toward becoming an imperialist superpower

The U S -China Alliance

Mutual Benefit

The formal outcome of the state visit of Teng to the U S was meager but significant New agreements were signed in areas of science, technology and culture

The promises made and greed displayed, however, reflect the historic significance of the full scale political, economic and military alliance being forged between U S imperialism and China The extravagance of the visit certainly confirmed that China has become, together with the U S and the U S S R , part of a new triangle of contention for world domination and counter-revolution

The state visit by Teng comes at a troubled time for world capitalism, and signals an even greater round of contention among the "Big Three" for world domination

Ever since World War II, the world capitalist and revisionist order has been searching for the means to reverse its steady decline, recapture its lost glory and ensure its future prosperity All the capitalist and revisionist countries are caught in the throes of a long and deep-going economic, political and military crisis Actions in Korea and Vietnam, Czechoslovakia and Angola have badly stained the hands of world imperialism in the eyes of the world's people

For the U S. imperialists, the time is at hand to try and gain a decisive edge over its main adversary, the Soviet Union, while at the same time finding the

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Imperialism and the Revolution

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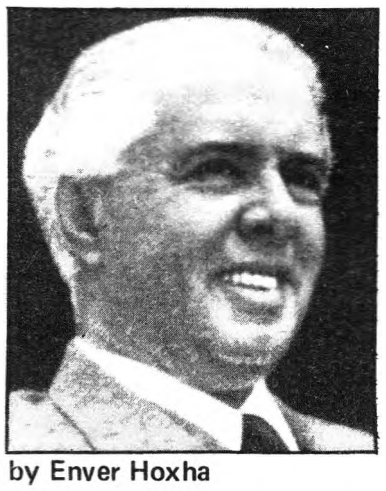

by Enver Hoxha

At a crucial point in the international class struggle, when imperialism and opportunism have brought forward Chinese revisionism to try to set back the world revolution, Imperialism and the Revolution speaks directly to many of the most important political and ideological questions of the class struggle

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Jimmy Carter's "Inflation Fighting" 1980 Budget

Carter Wields the Axe

The Carter budget for 1980 will be the focus of struggle in Congress in the upcoming period Senators and Representatives will battle over proposed cutbacks and increases based upon whether or not a particular proposal promotes the interests of the bourgeois faction they represent

"Inflation fighter', Jimmy Carter used an axe in one hand and a hypodermic needle in the other in order to arrive at his $531 6 billion budget By looking at which programs got a big shot in the arm and which got the axe, the working class can gain a keen understanding of the direction the U S bourgeoisie is heading

A Spiraling Trend in Defense Spending

Despite the promises to cut spending, Carter's budget proposal is not all cutbacks Defense spending is increased by 10% to a total of $125 8 billion But as these are government statistics, there are many hidden figures, especially regarding defense spending For example, the Pentagon has $75 billion in appropriations left over from previous years As well Carter requested a $4 billion supplemental appropriation for defense for the current fiscal year

But just based upon the budget proposal alone, defense spending accounts for 23 7% of total government spending This astronomical amount of money is not some freak occurrence planned just for this year, but represents a spiraling upward trend By 1981, the defense budget is expected to increase at least another $23 6 billion

Economic and military aid to foreign countries is also getting a substantial shot in the arm This "aid" is used to further subjugate other countries to the domination of U S imperialism, and to strengthen the military capacity of the U S 's allies for the protection of U S imperialist interests This budget item gets a 12% increase, from $7 3 billion to $8 2 billion

Feeding the Bureaucracy and the Banks

Carter has made great promises about making government more efficient, cutting down the bu

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Letters

More Facts on Black Oppression

Dear **Unite!**

I'm a young white woman with a son to support on a minimum wage salary Even though I get Social Security, it's hard to meet the bills

I've been reading the paper for about seven months and I read a lot of articles about the special oppression of Blacks It's been my experience that some Blacks have it better than whites and in some cases I think Blacks get special favors, not special oppression

For example, when I went to the food stamp office the lady there (who was Black) told me I couldn't get food stamps (even though I was unemployed and had a child to support) She told me that if I was Black I probably would get them When I appealed her decision, her supervisor (who was also Black) told me the same thing

And at my job there are three women–two whites and one Black We two white women make 25 cents an hour less than the Black woman (but all three of us make less than any man, Black or white)

I see plenty of Blacks who have better houses, more money and more education than me I'd like to see some statistics and other sorts of proof about the special oppression of Blacks

P S I like **Unite!**, but I have a lot of doubts about this particular question

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your letter and support for **Unite!** The questions you ask are common questions raised to us around the country We recognize that there are a number of individuals, especially among poor whites, who have faced experiences similar to yours with the food stamp office and on the job

These individual instances are very useful for the capitalist class in furthering divisions between Black and white workers These cases are used to promote the view that the difficulties of poor whites are the direct result of gains made by Blacks

As a result there definitely are welfare workers, bureaucrats and so called Black leaders like Jessie Jackson who become mouthpieces for the bourgeois ideology Their job is to promote these divisions among workers and poor people–so that other nationalities are blamed instead of the capitalist class

If what these bureaucrats say is correct, then the economic situation of Blacks would be rising and that of whites would be falling in relation to one another But in fact the opposite is true For example, Black family income as a percent of white family income reached a high of 61% in 1970 and since then has steadily fallen

It is also important to point out that the working class as a whole is facing a declining standard of living because of the increased attacks of the capitalist class seeking a way out of its crisis

In looking at this question, we think that it is extremely important to look at a broader picture–what is the situation of Blacks overall? Is it the case that the vast majority of Blacks are living better today than whites? Or is it the case that Blacks remain specially oppressed because of the oppression of the Black Nation in the South?

The special oppression of Blacks in the South takes both economic and political forms This oppression affects the great bulk of Black people in the Black Belt South and outside it very viciously, although one or two individuals, or groups of individuals, appear to have "made it" What we're looking at here is not individual cases, but the most common, mass experience of Black people in the U S

Economically, there are many indicators of national oppression The government census, last taken in 1970, shows a big difference between Black and white economic status. **Unite!** thinks that since 1970, with inflation and Carter's economic policy, the economic status of both Blacks and whites has worsened We will use two economic indicators here. poverty rate and public assistance

To start off with, the percentage of Black families living below the poverty level in the South is more than three times that of white families 12% of all southern white families and 41% of all Black families made under $3728 in 1969

In Alabama, the rates are very close to those of the whole South In 1970, 13 6% of all white families in Alabama, and 46 7% of all Black families were under the poverty level

Above the poverty line, the ratio does not change much Two thirds of white families who have an income of above the poverty level make at least $7456 a year But **three-quarters** of all Black families who make above the poverty level make less than that So whether above or below the government-defined poverty level (which is absurdly low), Black families have a much greater rate of poverty and much less absolute income than white families

One way families deal with this situation is to apply for public assistance, especially if they have children In the South as a whole, there are 2 3 million poor Black children compared to 1 9 million poor white children

In 1969, only 6% of all the poor families in the South got any kind of public assistance! Of those who received this "aid" 55% of them stayed under the poverty level 43% of white families and 69% of Black families who got welfare still didn't have an income above the poverty level This goes to show that both Black and white working people suffer from the oppression of the Black Nation, but that Black people, as an oppressed nationality, suffer special oppression

Working people in the South suffer from the lack of unions, lack of welfare, from poor education and many other problems And women, in general, also suffer a special oppression manifested in sexual discrimination and harassment Many of the figures the government releases show that both Black and white women earn less, own less land, need public assistance more often than both Black and white men This points out the barbaric treatment working women get under capitalism, but it does not negate the oppression of the Black nationality

Politically Blacks also suffer a greater burden They are denied many of the most elementary democratic rights Police and Klan terror, beatings, shootings and murder are aimed heavily at Blacks, especially at the youth

The capitalists have recently launched a stepped up offensive against the minimal gains which Blacks made during the 1950's and '60's This offensive is taking away affirmative action programs, job training programs and CETA money for jobs for Black youth, among other things It is accompanied by a rising wave of terror against Black people in cities and rural areas all over the U S and especially in the Black Belt South, the home of the Black nation

This offensive is being waged under the pretense that "reverse discrimination" is putting Blacks in a better economic position than whites, that special programs actually discriminate against white workers

This campaign of the bourgeoisie is fed by the white supremacist ideology, promoted by the Klan, that Blacks do not "deserve" to advance economically or politically, that discrimination against Blacks either does not exist or is right This is clearest in the Weber case in Louisiana (see **Unite!**, Vol 5, No 2)

However, in reality, both Black and white workers benefited from the affirmative action plan at Kaiser Aluminum, and both suffered when it stopped

The capitalists consciously use cases like Weber to breed antagonism between Black and white workers They promote the view that one nationality is "living better" at the expense of another nationality, in order to cover over the real reason no working people, regardless of nationality, can afford to live comfortably–capitalist oppression and exploitation The capitalists propagate the view that if Black workers get a job, it is a job lost for a white worker But the fact of the matter is that capitalism can't and won't provide enough jobs for all the people who need and want to work

Fighting together, Black and white workes will defeat the capitalist system, which promotes national oppression, and win a better life for all working people of all nationalities

Editorials

Carter Sets Her Free...

Now, how about Gary Tyler?

Patty Hearst is now free, thanks to the good graces of Jimmy Carter After less than two years in jail, the heiress of the Hearst millions has been excused of the crime of armed robbery According to Carter, Miss Hearst has suffered enough

Now that Carter is feeling so compassionate, maybe Gary Tyler–locked up for over 4 years in one of the most brutal hellholes in the U S for refusing to submit to fascist attacks on Black schoolchildren, will also be set free? Or maybe the Wilmington 10, JoAnn Little, Yvonne Wanrow and Lolita Lebron will be allowed to walk from their prison cells? Or what about the thousands upon thousands of men and women who are imprisoned for robberies, mostly petty and many not even armed? Will they too be freed like Patty Hearst, Mr Carter?

But then of course, none of these people have fathers named William Randolph Hearst III, who owns one of the largest newspaper chains in the U S Nor are any of these people Watergate criminals, so that won't qualify them for pardon

No Gary Tyler and other political prisoners cannot rely upon the good graces of Jimmy Carter for their freedom Patty Hearst and the Watergate criminals have their freedom because of their class and because of their service to that class This is the "blind justice" of capitalism

Two More U.S. Soldiers Die

Two U S soldiers were killed in action in Germany in early February They had been sent to Germany to take part in NATO's winter maneuvers Just two weeks before, Jimmy Carter made a great show of congratulating himself in his State of the Union address for the fact that no American had died in action in the past year

But like the soldiers who died in Panama just a week before his speech, Carter no doubt will not count these men in his figures Although the families of these young men will grieve tremendously, Carter will continue to ignore the fatalities that are a regular part of the U S war machine

After all, American soldiers and sailors are nothing more than cannon fodder to him It is of little concern to the capitalists if soldiers and sailors die in war games in Germany or on patrol in Panama as long as the militarist interests of U S imperialism are served

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The Carter Budget

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reaucracy and trimming costs at the White House Yet Carter proposes increasing the operational expenses at the White House from $2 7 million to $3 million The Council on Wage and Price Stability increases its expenses from $5 6 million to $6 1 million This is the body which will oversee implementation of the wage controls and price loopholes So despite Carter's claims, the capitalist government bureaucracy does not shrink, but continues to swell with each passing year, becoming more and more a parasite on society

One of the biggest increases in the federal budget will be paid to the banks Taking up 12% of the total budget is "debt service", or interest and principal payments on loans. The 1980 budget proposes a $6 9 billion increase for this item, bringing the banks' share of the budget to a total of $66 7 billion

Cutbacks for Social Security, Job Programs, and the Cities

With these kind of increases to the military and the banks, where does the $11 6 billion get cut?

One of the major areas is in the Social Security program While this overall dollar outlay for Social Security does not decline, there is not increase for inflation Nor does this proposal take into consideration that there will be one million more people eligible for Social Security benefits in 1980 Taking these facts into account, there is at least $600 million slashed from the amount needed to maintain benefits at current levels

But Carter says the effect will be minimal because only "marginal cases" will feel the cutbacks Who are those marginal cases? Carter proposes phasing out benefits for dependent children 18 and older and modifying parent payments if the widow is under 60 or the widower under 62 This means it will be much more difficult for working class and oppressed nationality youths to go on to college thereby continuing the trend that higher education is for the elite and not the masses. It means that widows and widowers up to 60 and 62 years old will have their parents benefits cut off once the child reaches age 16 instead of the previous 18-year cutoff point.

Carter wants to eliminate the "maximum benefits" program for new beneficiaries. This program supplements a worker's benefits when his income has been low He also calls for the elimination of the lump-sum death benefit which had helped pay funeral costs In addition to all this, Carter proposes that disability rules be tightened up, making it much more difficult for workers to even get Social Security in the first place So overall the Social Security program will provide less services for more people, even though Social Security taxes are rising substantially

The next major area of proposed cutbacks is in job programs Federal funds for local job programs are slated to be cut from $2 1 billion to $319 million CETA jobs are to be reduced by close to 100,000 by September, 1979, and again by another 150,000 jobs shortly thereafter This would bring the total of CETA jobs down to 200,000 But Carter justifies some of these job cutbacks by again saying they will only affect some of the marginal cases and get rid of abuses in the program One of the marginal cases he speaks of are 14-year olds who will now be ineligible for summer job programs, with the age raised to 15

One of Carter's tactics in reducing federal spending is to cutback federal aid to regions and cities, with nearly a 20% cutback proposed This will affect job programs, school aid–including school lunches–and disaster relief Reducing this budget item from $9 1 billion to $7 9 billion will greatly aggravate the crisis of U S cities. The burden of the crisis will fall on the working masses of those areas by way of fewer social services and higher local taxes

The cutbacks along these lines go on and on They are far-reaching attacks, many of which will only be revealed in the course of the budget's implementation But the Carter budget is not satisfied with just cutbacks in services for the working class and oppressed people

Who Bears the Brunt?

The $531 6 billion total does not appear magically, it must be payed for out of taxes and other revenues Carter's budget calls for the working masses to shoulder the burden of taxation, while decreasing the already small load paid by corporations.

The total amount of revenue to be collected is $502 6 billion The lion's share of this will come from individual income taxes, $227 3 billion This is an increase of 11% over the current budget Because of the large amount of tax loopholes for propertied incomes as opposed to few for wage incomes, the vast burden of this tax falls on the shoulders of the working class and lower sections of the petty bourgeoisie

Social Security taxes are also proposed to be sharply increased– 13 5%– to a total of $161 5 billion These taxes are one of the most regressive taxes in existence, in that the tax rate falls as income rises For example, workers earning $17,700 in 1978 paid $1,071 in Social Security taxes, or 6 05% of their income Executives making $800,000 pay the same amount of Social Security taxes, or one-tenth of 1% of their earnings!

With corporate profits continuing to soar, one would expect that their share of taxes would increase Yet Carter proposes taxing corporate profits to the tune of only $71 billion in 1980, a whopping 1% increase over the current budget In addition, many huge corporations pay no tax whatsoever, as was the case with U S Steel and Chase Manhattan Bank in 1976 But as always under capitalism, the rich get richer and the poor get poorer taxation is one of the means for insuring this

Behind the Budget

Behind the Carter budget proposal lays the ever deepening crisis of U S imperialism Carter's budget will protect the expansionist aims of U.S imperialism around the world The war machine must be constantly expanded in order to carry out this aim, while foreign aid must be beefed up to insure continued political and economic subjugation Corporate profits must be protected and the government bureaucracy must continue to swell in order to maintain the rule of the bourgeoisie

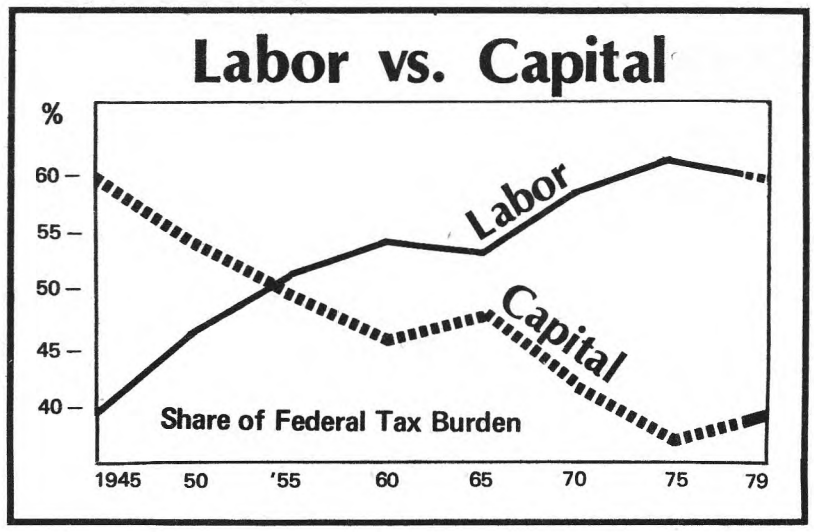
The only way for the bourgeoisie to protect its interests is to increase the attacks upon the working masses, hence we witness proposed cutbacks in social service programs and increased taxation on the working class Despite all of Carter's demagogy about "austere but fair", there is nothing "fair" to the working masses under capitalism

The Carter economic policy is straightforward about its intentions It represents an outright attack on the living standards of the working class and oppressed people of the U S , an attack on every reform that the working masses have won so far, from Social Security programs to affirmative action

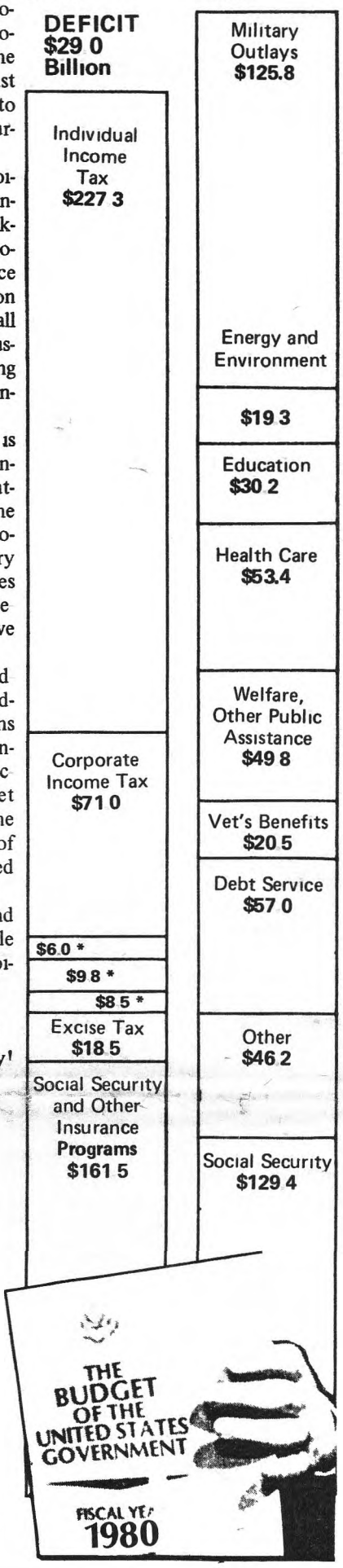
While there will be some adjustments made in the Carter budget as a result of contradictions within the bourgeoisie, fundamentally little will change The direction pointed by the Carter budget is the road of moving from the carrot to the stick as the form of bourgeois rule in the United States

Today, the working class and its allies must step up its struggle against these attacks of the capitalist class We raise the call to

Defend Our Living Standards!
Fight the Carter Economic Policy!
Fight for the Dictatorship of the Proletariat!



The Carter budget continues a 25-year trend of setting more and more of the federal tax burden on the working class, while letting the capitalist class off the hook.



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High-Powered Farmers' Protest

Washington, D C – Family farmers from the American Agriculture Movement brought 2,000 tractors worth of horsepower to the nation's capital in early February The objective? To disrupt the government until demands for price supports were met.

This tactic is the same as that of the 1971 May Day anti-war demonstrations – mass protest in the streets And just as the student anti war demands were finally proven correct, so will the demands of the embattled family farmer

Family farmers demand price supports for their crops which would guarantee them their costs of production plus a small margin of profit The AAM reports that half a million family farmers go out of business each year and estimates that few will be left by 1985

The production of farm products is being taken over by corporation farms, part of huge capitalist conglomerates which own the land, the trucks, the warehouses, processing plants and finally, the retail outlets These capitalists can afford low farm prices and high costs of production because they make their profits in the processing and retailing areas The Government Accounting Office estimates that 87% of the rise in food costs occurs after the produce leaves the farm

This leaves the family farmer with a very small increase in farm product prices to match a very large increase in the cost of production The Government Accounting Agency also estimates that real farm income in 1978 was 4% lower than 1977 and 25% lower than 1973

So in early February family farmers roared up and down the streets of the capital, pleaded with congressmen, and argued with the Department of Agriculture in order to get Jimmy Carter to live up to his campaign promise to protect the family farmer But Carter's new budget calls for nearly a 50% cut in money for price supports Though Carter may be a farmer himself, he is still a capitalist first, and actively furthers a program of ruining the family farm, replacing it with giant agribusiness corporations

It is capitalism, as a system, which is pushing family farmers toward the fate of the "mom and pop" grocery store and the independent gas station Gone With the help of their executive committee – the government – the capitalists knock off the small producers and secure their own iron fisted control over an industry This is what monopoly capitalism is all about.

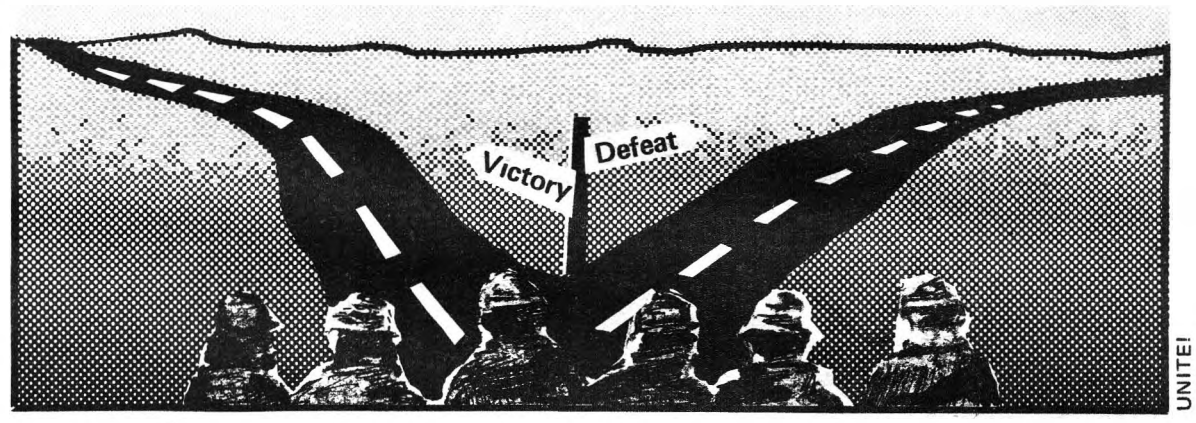
This truth places the family farmer, along with the small businessman and the student, squarely in a position of alliance with the working class, as it too, faces the capitalist offensive It is this alliance which will sweep the capitalist class from financial, industrial and agricultural domination

But who is trying to build this alliance? Who puts forward the demand of cancellation of debts on the small farmer and relief from the burden of excessive taxation? The communists

We oppose the cost-cutting Carter offensive which spells ruin for the working class and its allies We demand a moratorium on the debts of small farmers for land and equipment and an end to exorbitant land rents and mortgages

Every Factory Our Fortress

Two Roads for Women Steelworkers



From a Worker Correspondent

Gary, Indiana – The influx of women into basic industry in recent years has greatly strengthened the working class's fight for democracy Because of the obstacles they face just to get and hold a job in an industry like steel, women workers are often militant fighters for democractic rights – both for women's rights and for workers' rights overall And as more and more women come into the mills, they will become an even more significant force in the working class movement

The implications of this growing strength have not been lost on the leaders and would-be leaders of the trade union movement, as we can see by looking at the USWA and District 31 For decades the trade union bureaucrats have misled the working class movement down the road of reform and class collaboration, diverting the genuine struggles of the proletariat at every opportunity Now, as women begin to organize themselves in the mills, they are faced with a clear choice between two roads' the road of the trade union bureaucracy, or the revolutionary road of class struggle and the victory of the dictatorship of the proletariat

Feminism and the Labor Bureaucrats

The feminist trends within the USWA – represented primarily by the revisionist CPUSA and their political bedfellows, the Trotskyite Socialist Workers Party and International Socialists, support whole-hog the road of the trade union bureaucrats Joining forces with the current leadership of the USWA, particularly in District 31, where they have found a sympathetic home with District Director Jim Balanoff, these feminists promote the view that the main objectives of women in the mills are twofold 1) to advance within the limits of the existing trade union structure into positions of leadership and influence, regardless of the content or class stand of the structure, and 2) to get skills as the key to women's equality – skills as bureaucrats, as craft workers These classically feminist and opportunist views foster the illusion that real change can occur under capitalism, and full equality of women can be won within the current union apparatus by making women leaders in the USWA and integrating women into the labor aristocracy in full force

Where Does This Road Lead – The District 31 Women's Caucus

The inevitable result of this road is the formation of groups like the District 31 Women's Caucus, and its sister caucus which the same forces are now forming in the Pittsburgh area, District 15 But while posing as "opposition" to the bureaucrats, the District 31 caucus leadership acts exactly the same way as the bureaucrats do From the beginning this caucus was formed from the top down, getting its main support from a minority of women in the crafts rather than from the majority of women who are in production, and seeking its main support from women already in, or aspiring to, bureaucratic positions in their locals

The consistent emphasis of the caucus has been on confining steelworker women to "women's issues", and it opposes strong rank-and-file activity because that would threaten its efforts to promote itself as an alternate crew of district bureaucrats

So, the caucus concentrates almost exclusively on legalistic legislative and lobbying activities which exclude broad participation by the rank and file It has never had, nor plans to have, any organized means of taking up the day to day struggles on the shop floor Yet the local rank and file women's committees which do exist have frequently been actively undermined by the caucus leadership, such as at U S Steel South Works and Gary Works Viewed as competition to the caucus, the leadership has made every attempt to steer women away from the local committees and into the caucus

The fruits of the road followed by the District 31 Women's Caucus, the opportunist road of reactionary class collaboration in attempting to stifle class struggle are clear Rank-and file women – especially national minority women – who are drawn to the caucus by its militant sounding pose, often attend one or two meetings but never return, disillusioned and made more cynical by the caucus' banner of open bourgeois feminism and reformism In following this road, the caucus has shown itself to be completely antagonistic to the rising tide of class struggle among women steelworkers everywhere

The Road of Class Struggle and Victory

The alternative to the road promoted by the revisionists and reformists is the revolutionary road of class struggle The heart of this path toward the equality of women lies in two things First is the clear recognition that within the USWA the struggle of women cannot be separated from the struggle of all steelworkers and has to be directed at the **same two enemies** the capitalists and the trade union bureaucrats Second, it is the understanding that we must link the struggle for the equality of women to the struggle for socialism The CPUSA/ML suports the election of more women to union office based on their class stand and demonstrated leadership of the class struggle But more importantly, we support the organization of women steelworkers into the industry wide, and plant wide revolutionary trade union movement It is clear that the USWA bureaucrats line up with the capitalists in their opposition to the special demands of women just as they line up against the demands of minority and white steel workers across the board The revolutionary trade union movement is the organizational form with which we can forge plant wide unity to push the demands of all steelworkers This is the way strength is built from the bottom up without relying on the boss or the union bureaucrat for "deliverance"

In the 1930's a revolutionary trade union movement – the Trade Union Unity League (TUUL) – was built in opposition to the same kind of bureaucratic sell-out we face in our unions today As part of its program, the TUUL fought for the special demands of women

To further these demands it declared, "the TUUL has a national women's department, establishes women's commissions in the unions, and develops periodic trade union conferences for women The winning of the women workers for the class struggle is a major objective of the TUUL" However, with the degeneration of the CPUSA, this organization was deserted

This is the kind of class-wide organization we need to build today, one that unites all steelworkers to fight for the demands of **women as steelworkers and as women**

In the interest of beginning to develop such a program of demands, we advance the following

Affirmative action hiring More jobs for women and minorities

The right to job advancement at all levels for women Equality in promotional opportunities

End discrimination and harassment based on sex and national origin

End the arbitrary firings of women End the probationary period

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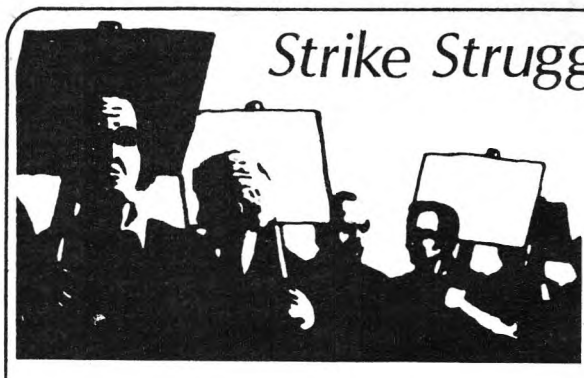

Strike Struggle Indicators

Rank and File Militancy; Capitalist Repression

In January **Unite!** published a calendar of the major contract struggles taking place in 1979 These are the negotiations for national contracts, the negotiations most publicized and most controlled by the capitalists and the trade union bureaucrats But unlike the slick Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers sellout in which the rank and file could hardly even murmur, January has been riddled with small contract struggles which are very significant because of the level of violent repression brought down by the capitalists and the level of unity and militancy of the rank and file Here are some of the struggles of January '79

☐ In Newport News, Virginia, the Tenneco shipyard bosses refused to recognize the legally voted in United Steelworkers local Picketers were immediately confronted by Virginia State troopers who arrested seven on charges ranging from "obstructing a sidewalk" to "assaulting an officer"

☐ In California, 3,000 United Farmworker lettuce pickers are on strike for better wages In late January, 12 were hospitalized from company attacks Of these, two were shot, one run down by a guard's car, and one injured by a sheriff's helicopter which was "buzzing" the strikers

☐ In Rhode Island, 1200 members of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers local 1203 called a strike Two days into the strike the rank and file threw out the sellout leadership of the union The rank and file, which is 95% Portuguese, brought forward new leadership and for the first time conducts union meetings in both English and Portuguese

☐ The iron mine workers of the Mesabi Range are organizing support for their USWA brothers on strike for five months in Sudbury, Ontario These Canadian miners are striking against the Morgan owned, International Nickel Co mine there

☐ Rank and file at the Rockwell International plant in Uniontown, Pa have twice rejected offers by the company Hiding behind Jimmy Carter's skirts, the company has used the excuse that Carter won't let it offer more than 7%

☐ In a hard-fought printers' strike against the city paper of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, the company launched such a vicious attack on the picket line coupled with a smear campaign in the paper, that part of the security force has resigned in protest of injuries to the strikers

☐ USWA members in Aurora, Illinois, are demanding union recognition from a steel fabrication corporation After legally voting in the union, the workers found that the company refused to recognize their bargaining agent The strike began The company's strikebreaking efforts include armed strikebreakers and attacks on the picket line, one of which sent the local president bleeding and unconscious to the hospital for a week

☐ Stearns' miners are still "dug in" outside the Blue Diamond mine demanding a union contract after over two years

While the peaceful sellout of the OCAW type has been the dominant trend in major union negotiations for years, the rising trend is definitely toward these violent and militant struggles as we fight back against both the bureaucrats and the capitalists

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Sears Files Class Action Suit Against Affirmative Action Hiring

The Die-Hard of Anti-Working Class Reaction

We all know Sears Home of Craftsman tools, Kings Row clothes, Guardsman Tires and Die Hard batteries As Sears President Dean Swift says, "We consider ourselves to be like apple pie and motherhood" But this month Sears is also the home of a class action suit brought against the federal government and designed to invalidate, at one shot, every affirmative action program in the U S sales industry today

In a suit which names everyone from the Attorney General to the Census Bureau as defendants, Sears attempts to prove that job discrimination is the fault of the government, not the employers The suit charges that the federal government has created such conflicting hiring requirements for women, minorities, the aged and veterans that Sears cannot follow them

The suit further charges that the federal government, by not enforcing the civil rights laws around housing and education, has created an unqualified and unemployable workforce And the suit charges that the government violated the constitutional rights of Sears and other employers The suit requests that **all** hiring guidelines be suspended Sears executive W Teller states, "It is time to end government policies which hamper real progress and discourage voluntary effort"

We certainly agree that the government, when forced to enforce the democratic rights of workers as through affirmative action programs, proceeds in a less than half hearted way And we agree that the objective result of these regulations are often confusion and competition between the minorities, women, veterans and the older workers But these results are achieved through the willing cooperation of the employers, not, as Sears asserts, against their will

The emptiness of Sears' charges are obvious They say they could not hire many minorities because they've been hiring white veterans of the Korean War and World War II They say they can't promote women and minorities to high positions because Carter's law allowing older workers to work until age 70 has cut down the retirement rate Sears claims that they are being asked to hire more women and minorities than there are in the workforce right now

What is behind these ridiculous claims and this suit which could be devastating to the advancement of the democratic rights of the working class? A look, historically, at the "voluntary" efforts of Sears will show where they really stand

Sears–The Die Hard of Anti-Working Class Reaction

The sales industry as a whole has been a model of unfair and unequal employment practices In 1965, 8 9% of the retail and wholesale sales industry was minorities By 1976, this shrunk to 7 7% In the period of 1955 76, when the total of married women forced to seek work doubled, the number of these women employed in the sales industry dropped by 30% And a survey of 1976 wages in the industry shows Black male retail clerks making from 20-35% less than their white male counterparts

Sears in particular has been a "die hard" in this backward industry Its historically anti-union and pro-discrimination positions brought on a five-year boycott called by the Retail Clerks Union in the 1960's Civil rights groups have called boycotts against Sears, and now even the feeble EEOC (Equal Opportunity Employment Commission) is preparing a suit against Sears which could cost it millions of dollars in back wage settlements. Sears has been a pioneer in the industry practice of working employees 39 hours a week in order to avoid paying the minimum wage Sears currently faces 1500 anti discrimination suits brought against it by individuals

With a history like this, where does Sears come off telling big government to clean up its act so that Sears can more effectively implement fair hiring through its own "voluntary" program? Sounds well intentioned But is it?

Even the Devil Can Quote Scripture

Sears' liberal sounding position is the mask over fascist attacks The suit by Sears represents the same type of attack on women, veterans and minorities as the Bakke and Weber cases Not only is it intended to increase the oppression of women and minorities and to split a working class competing for fewer and fewer jobs, but it stands behind the "anti big government" position of the Klan, the Nazis, the Right to Work Committee, and the John Birch Society A look at the lawyer who is representing the Sears case will provide a good example of how liberalism and fascism walk hand in hand

Charles Morgan, Sears lawyer, came up in Birmingham He gained national prominence as a civil rights lawyer handling important cases for liberal groups Later he headed the Southern Regional Office of the American Civil Liberties Union The ACLU is the organization that defended the Nazis' right to march and openly recruit citizens to their program of race hatred and fascism The justification for this was that the honest, anti fascist citizens of the country could not "oppress" the Nazis by denying their right to march

Now in the same way, the liberal ACLU lawyer Charles Morgan defends Sears' right to not be "oppressed by government" by helping them to smash every affirmative action hiring program in the nation today Thus liberalism allows the Nazis the "freedom" to organize a fascist dictatorship over the people of the U S , and it allows Sears and all other capitalists the "freedom" to increase their exploitation and oppression of the working class And Morgan claims he is still defending the civil rights of minorities against the ravages of state bureaucracy!

Who is Responsible for Discrimination?

Sears says that the government is responsible for discrimination because it "created an all-white male workforce" The government blames the companies, but more often "social conditions" for discrimination Which one of these is the truth? Neither

The capitalists are basically responsible for discrimination To accomplish this end they use the government, their executive committee Discrimination didn't begin with the 1964 Civil Rights Act Discrimination against women, minorities and oppressed nations is a feature of capitalism It is a way for the capitalists to deal with its characteristic lack of full employment, a way to drive the price of labor down through competition for jobs, and a way to curb the revolutionary growth of the working class

Through the 200 years of capitalism in the U S , the government has been the willing executor of the capitalists' discriminatory practices From the armed subjugation of the Black Nation in 1871 to the infamous Bakke Case of 1978, this can be seen time and again Liberals and fascists, capitalists and the state, all lock arms in their "voluntary" program of exploitation of the working class

This is a "Class Action Suit"

The Sears suit represents 38,000 employers of possibly 30 million workers It aims directly, not at destroying an affirmative action hiring program at a particular plant, but throughout the entire retail industry

In a rare piece of legal honesty it is called a "class action suit" It is a suit filed in the interests of the capitalist class as a whole It is a suit aimed at the democratic rights to equal employment of the working class as a whole It is a fascist fishing line baited with liberal and anti big government jargon It is our job to spit out the bait and pull the capitalist fisherman out of his yacht and into Davey Jones' locker. ★

Sears President Swift (right) has hired flamboyant "civil rights" attorney Morgan to lead the attack on affirmative action

Report from the USWA Coke Oven Conference

Bureaucrats Declare a 'Victory'

Chicago, Illinois – USWA International bureaucrats had their strategy all mapped out for winning the battle of the coke ovens Simply declare a victory, and leave the rest to the OSHA inspectors and Justice Department lawyers But at the September convention, with Sparrows Point coke oven workers demonstrating outside, many locals demanded to know why no Coke Oven Conference was called for 1979 or '80

OSHA Standards a Victory?

The International quickly pulled together a conference and organized its forces to get the message across "The OSHA standards are a great victory The OSHA compliance suits and inspections are a great victory The battle has been won Your International has proved that it is the leader in the fight for health and safety We can rely on the government now that Nixon is out and Jimmy Carter is in"

Even though the conference was set up for the sole purpose of getting this ridiculous lie across with endless testimonials from government and union "experts", local delegates upset the agenda with their questions One coke worker with 35 years in the ovens pointed out that not one of the "experts" had ever worked in the coke ovens. He went on to explain in detail how the companies contained emissions during an OSHA inspection. Here the delegates made it clear that they did not think the battle was over, and they were not about to "leave the rest to government"

In response to this struggle, the International was forced to allow the conference to elect a committee which will take the demands of coke workers to the union's Wage and Policy Committee This Committee determines the bargaining demands for the union in negotiations over the Basic Steel Agreement

Although it was a step forward for the honest delegates at the conference and the rank and file steelworker in general to reject leaving everything to government, fundamentally everything still remains in the hands of the bureaucrats The rank and file have still not grasped that it is necessary to break with reformism The bureaucratic pushers of the poisonous line of "leave it to the bureaucrats–whether government or union" are as dangerous to the working class as the poison itself It is time to make an objective assessment of the reformist and bureaucratic USWA apparatus

Tactical Questions in the Revolutionary Trade Union Movement

There is an acute contradiction between the high level of militant activity of the rank and file and the low level of activity, and of results, of the union bureaucrats Rank-and-file coke oven workers have had to fight to get union recognition of the problem, have had to fight to get a conference called this year, have had to fight to get the conference's recommendations carried to the Wage and Policy Committee At every point the bureaucrats have tried to divert the aims of the rank and file, to "pigeonhole" its demands, even to the point of making the ridiculous claim that the "battle is won" Like the defensive front line of a monstrous football team, the bureaucratic apparatus is consolidated, ready to plug any hole which might admit some real gains or power for the rank and file You can see by the Experimental Negotiating Agreement, the efforts to hamstring the opposition at the September convention, and the effort to pack the Coke Oven Conference with hand picked bureaucrat cronies, that the leaders of the USWA intend to further consolidate their power in opposition to the rank and file

This trend is why we say a national revolutionary trade union movement is necessary, a movement made up of factory committees in every plant for the purpose of forging real working class trade unions

As we build this revolutionary trade union movement it is necessary to assess the level of consolidation of power in the clean, smooth hands of the bureaucrats We do this in order to make the tactical decision of how best to put the working class in control of a union whether it is best to work toward seizing control of a union through organizing the rank and file to throw out the bureaucrats or is it best to build a new revolutionary union

Factory committees formed by honest, progressive and communist steel workers–working out this tactical plan, based on the history of rank and file struggle within the union and the direction of developing trends–would take a long step toward bringing about the fighting union steelworkers really need ★

Life of the Party

Report from the Editor: Agit/Prop Department R

Building the Party Pr

Forging real revolutionary cadres in order to provide revolutionary leadership to the working class and its allies in the struggle for socialism is the main task of the CPUSA/ML in this first period of its work Set by the Founding Congress, this task includes mastering Marxism Leninism, internalizing the Program and Constitution of the Party, and testing cadre in the heat of the class struggle

As a part of this program, the Central Agit Prop Department of the Party held a seminar on agitation and propaganda work The department studied Lenin's book, **What is to be Done?** and a speech on art and culture by Comrade Ernst Aust, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Germany/ML (KPD/ML), and adopted a year plan of work

One of the main aims of the seminar was to deepen the understanding of the department about a major deviation in its work in order to work on the plan to overcome it This deviation had been pinpointed as a narrow approach to its role and responsibilities It had been manifested in economism in the agitation and propaganda in the pages of the newspaper, as well as in the tendency to belittle responsibilities other than production of the newspaper

The Role of the Newspaper

One of the main tasks of the A-P department is the development of **Unite!**, the newspaper of the Central Committee of the CPUSA/ML In order to carry out this task well, it is extemely important to grasp the role of the communist press and its relationship to the class struggle Lenin's **What is to be Done?** is a classic guide for building the communist press in the interests of the working class The basic theoretical premises which Lenin laid out in this work remain the cornerstones for the development of the communist press in each country

Lenin states that one of the fundamental responsibilities of the press is to build the political consciousness of the working class But in Lenin's time, as now, there were two paths advanced as the best means to accomplish this end

On the one hand, Martynov, a member of the Russian Social Democratic Labor Party, maintained that the working class came to political consciousness primarily through the economic struggle–that is by waging the struggle for better working conditions and wages. He believed, therefore, that the main task of the newspaper should be exposures of factory conditions He believed that through this kind of economic exposure and through the economic struggle, gradually the working class would come to a conscious understanding of the need to overthrow the Tsarist regime and establish socialism under the leadership of a communist party

Lenin took the exact opposite position, stating that Martynov's position was nothing more than trade unionism Lenin argued that the political consciousness of the working class is built primarily outside the confines of the economic struggle Lenin maintained the primary task of the newspaper was political exposures of the government, of the conservative as well as the liberal bourgeoisie, and of all forms of political repression no matter what class or strata was affected In an all-around way, political exposures train the working class to understand the relationship between classes and to respond actively to every kind of tyranny wherever it exists Only in this way, Lenin said, could the working class come to political consciousness

Lenin argued that confining communist agitation and propaganda to narrow economic struggles was to inform the working class of nothing it did not already know Economism belittles what workers are interested in and belittles the knowledge which is crucial to their overall understanding of class society

How is it that the economic struggle will train the working class to understand that in order to qualitatively change the conditions of life, to end political repression, to end imperialist war, the old society must be destroyed and the new one built? If the struggle is confined to improving working conditions and higher wages, why then would the working class understand the need to support and build their communist party, instead of simply improving the functioning of the trade union? How is it that the narrow economic struggles will train workers to respond to every instance of oppression when it does not affect them directly?

The answer Lenin provides is that the economic struggle alone can do none of these things It can only build trade union consciousness, not political consciousness Martynov's position limits the struggle of the working class to fighting for better terms for the sale of labor power, not to the political struggle to overthrow the entire system of wage slavery

The A-P department discussed these theoretical points and then looked at some of the past work in **Unite!** to analyze whether or not **Unite!** suffered from some of the deviations Lenin raised There was a lively discussion of the past work of **Unite!** and the danger of economism, and it was agreed that there were definitely some economist deviations in the newspaper

In the past, a view existed that the trade union section of the newspaper was the most important section of the paper, and that this was the section workers were most interested in In addition, political exposures in the paper had been limited in scope and depth, thereby not training the working class in an all around way about the relations between classes in the U S , the policies and nature of the bourgeois government and the role of the social props of the bourgeoisie

For example, on a number of occasions **Unite!** bypassed important topical issues which would have provided excellent opportunities for political exposures It was not until after the 1978 elections were over that **Unite!** spoke to this event of bourgeois democracy Election exposures are especially important in the United States, where the charade of democracy for all is so strong. These particular elections also held some significant issues of concern for the working class, like the right to work law in Missouri and the Briggs Amendment in California

Another instance was the death of Golda Meir, the darling of U S Zionists For days the bourgeoisie utilized every form of media to barrage the working masses of the U S with Zionist propaganda Yet **Unite!** was silent on this issue and did nothing to expose and combat these reactionary views

When the first test tube baby was born it was the major topic of discussion everywhere Yet where was the proletarian viewpoint? Certainly not with the CP/ML, who said test-tube babies were a bourgeois plot to develop a master race This would have provided an excellent chance to address the questions of medicine and technology under capitalism, issues the working class is affected by and interested in

These are a few examples comrades in the department raised to point to the narrowness of political exposures in the newspaper While it was noted that **Unite!** is limited in space for articles, it was completely agreed that this was not the fundamental problem Rather, the problem was one of correct political judgment

In determining the contents of the paper, articles must be chosen based upon which topic will advance the political understanding of the working class overall It was agreed that this narrow approach stemmed from the economist deviations Lenin spoke of, which objectively says the working class is not interested in these issues or that the issues themselves are not important tools for raising the political consciousness of the working class

What Does it Mean to Lead?

Another point Lenin raised is that the working class party is the vanguard fighter for democracy Lenin said "He is no communist who forgets that communists support every revolutionary movement or who forgets his obligation to be ahead of everybody in advancing, accentuating and solving every general democratic problem '

The point Lenin raises here is two-fold First, the Party and its press must not limit itself to the immediate needs of the working class, but instead must address all the democratic tasks of all progressive strata, be they students, teachers, farmers, women, oppressed nationalities or youth

Second, around these tasks, the Party must be more than a voice on paper When Lenin speaks of political exposures, it is not the same as yellow journalism It is not simply a question of exposing the particular class forces involved or the particular incident of injustice, but also arousing the masses to struggle and organizing and leading this struggle itself

Now Lenin was also quite clear that this does not mean that the Party runs hither and thither from one struggle to the next without any plan or judgment of the relative importance of particular struggles. Rather, Lenin was very clear at certain times there are particular tasks which must be accomplished

The A-P department summed up that in the past, **Unite!** has been approached too often as a newspaper of analysis without considering the question of organizing the struggle This is another manifestation of a narrow and incorrect approach to the leadership responsibilities of the newspaper in the class struggle The task of the newspaper must be to point the direction into a particular battle, explaining why this battle is important overall and what must be done once engaged in the battle, and then finally to sum up the lessons once the battle is over

The Newspaper as a Collective Organizer

The third main lesson in **What is to be Done?** is that the newspaper must not only be a collective agitator and propagandist, but it must also be a collective organizer The newspaper acts as a collective organizer because it points out a common line of march in the class struggle all over the country But it also organizes the class struggle through the networks, both open and secret, that are built around the distribution and contribution of material to it

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As Lenin said, "The mere technical task of regularly supplying the newspaper with copy and of promoting regular distribution will necessitate a network of local agents of the united Party "

This network marks the contours of the Party's organized influence and promotes the growth of the Party Communication is enhanced and work is broadened so that a common view of common national results is gained This goes a long way in combatting the narrowness and localism of any particular region The A P department set as one of its main tasks for the upcoming year to politically train cadre of the Party to understand this important aspect of A P work and to overcome any tendency to reduce distribution to a mechanical and bureaucratic task

Overall, in order to accomplish the task of building up and perfecting the revolutionary press Lenin emphasized the importance of training a staff of professional revolutionaries This task coincides closely with the main task of the Party of forging real revolutionary cadre

For the A P department in particular, this means mastering Marxism Leninism as the only sound basis from which to analyze and advance a correct viewpoint and plan of action Second, it is esssential for the A P department to come to know the U S inside out–its history, its class forces, its domestic and international policies and its culture Only in this way will it be possible to soundly assess the current position and direction ahead for U S imperialism and the proletarian revolution Thirdly, the A P department must fully grasp the program and tactics of the Party in order to be able to advance the correct path for the revolution in the United States

The study of Lenin's **What is to be Done?** provided many rich and powerful lessons for the comrades in the A P department of the CPUSA/ML As always, using the tested science of Marxism Leninism, a sound basis is provided from which to assess past work, overcome deviations and adopt a plan for future work

Art and Culture

The second part of the seminar was used to study a speech by Comrade Ernst Aust of the Communist Party of Germany/ML, entitled "Open Up the Revolutionary Front of Culture, Unify Agitation and Propaganda."

Aust starts from the Marxist Leninist premise that culture and art are not above classes, but deeply reflect and serve a particular class The bourgeoisie utilizes culture to promote its ideology and to crush progressive democratic and socialist culture Bourgeois culture is increasingly decadent and reactionary in the epoch of imperialism At the same time, within every modern nation, there is democratic and socialist culture serving the interests of the working class and its allies

In his speech Aust says, "Literature and art should also become weapons which smash breach after breach into the ranks and bastions of the class enemy, which give the people the courage and the strength to wage the struggle for a more beautiful life, for a life without human exploitation, until its victorious climax "

The A P staff discussed the importance of the question of culture and many of the particular questions around this issue which exist in the United States

First, the U S bourgeoisie is one of the most powerful the world has ever known It has aggressively spread its reactionary and decadent culture on a world scale, everywhere attacking progressive culture Hence the U S proletariat has a special responsibility to combat the reactionary influence of the culture of the U S bourgeoisie

Second, within the U S. numerous national cultures exist Each nationality emigrating to the U S carried with them different national and folk cultures Other cultures have developed within the oppressed nations of the U S As well there is the culture of the working class of the oppressor nation Therefore, in assessing what is progressive culture in the U S, it is important to utilize the science of Marxism Leninism overall as a guide, taking into account the particular national features of each nationality in the U S

The A P department agreed it was extremely important to begin to open up the cultural front as an important means of conducting agitation and propaganda among the masses It was agreed that one of the first tasks in this area was to revive the heritage of many progressive U S artists, like Langston Hughes and Mike Gold Through the study and promotion of such artists combined with the study of Marxism Leninism on art and culture, the Party would begin to place this crucial tool in the service of the proletarian revolution in the U S

The A P seminar concluded successfully with the adoption of a year plan of work which included a plan for **Unite!**, other Party publications, cultural work, distribution and cadre training

All comrades of the Department agreed that the seminar was extremely useful in deepening the understanding of the staff of the tasks of the Party's Agit Prop Department and served to further unify the department around the goals set out by the Central Committee The department looks forward to more department seminars as an important means of improving and perfecting its work

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Messages to the Founding Congress

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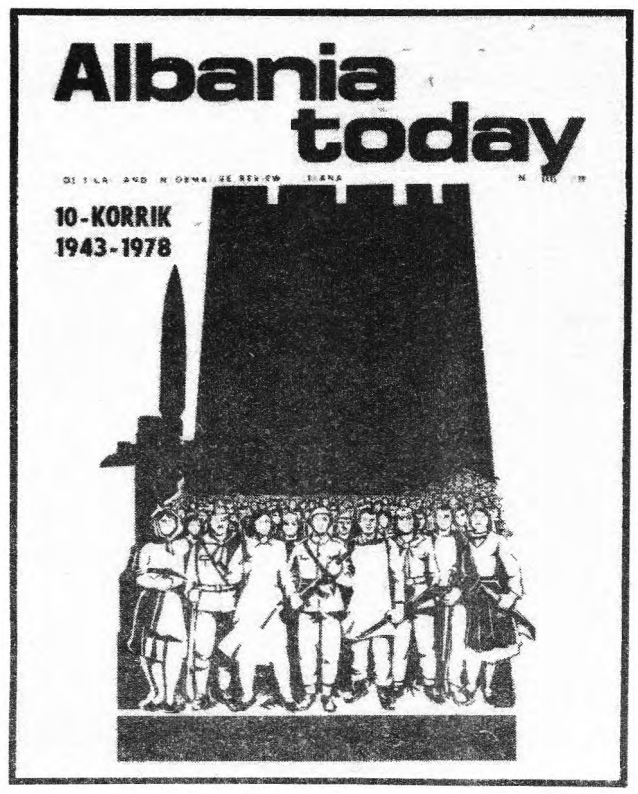


For Democracy and Socialism!

White Farmers, Workers
Defend Black Doctor from KKK Attacks

Marion County, Alabama, Black Nation –Dr Rosalind Cropper is a 26-year old Black woman, the only doctor in a community clinic located in Marion County, Alabama Marion County is 90% white and largely composed of small farmers and factory workers

Ku Klux Klan activity is very high in Marion County, as it is in most rural areas of the South Just in the past few months in this part of Alabama, Tommy Lee Hines was framed on a rape charge while the KKK demonstrated outside with police protection Shortly after, a Black preacher spoke out against the Hines frame up and was brutally beaten by three Klansmen At this time, too often Klan terror is not met with organized resistance

Dr Cropper came to Marion County in July, 1978 By September, the KKK was already preparing to drive her out of town by any means necessary The terror began with a cross burning in front of the clinic

The local bank refused to grant her a loan to finance her home, after first indicating approval Then one night she was called out on an "emergency" Upon her return, her house had been burned, resulting in significant damage The insurance company refused to issue another policy on her home after the fire

On two different occasions, white men came to her house demanding she leave town, saying, "If you don't leave on your own, we'll help you leave" She received another "emergency"call, only this time she did not go The next day she was informed by neighbors that a group of men had been waiting outside of the clinic

But unlike some of the Klan's reactionary success stories, this one failed Within a few days after this Klan campaign began, a petition was signed by 1500 people Almost all who signed were white.

The KKK did not count on the whites of Marion County coming to the defense of Dr Cropper They failed to recognize that the masses of working and poor whites had a definite stake in defending Dr Cropper

The KKK continually appeals to white workers and small farmers to stand with the KKK as the only road to protecting their interests But whose interests would it have served to line up with the KKK against Dr Cropper? Only that class of people who have absolutely no interest in the health and welfare of white workers anymore than the health and welfare of Black workers The only ones to benefit would be that class of people, who own the banks, the factories and the large farms and plantations and who have a material interest in keeping working and oppressed people divided, exploited and oppressed

To the masses of people in Marion County, Dr Cropper staying or leaving meant a very real difference in their health care so they fought to defend her against KKK attacks This example is a small one, but generalized it contains far reaching implications for the working class and oppressed people of the gains which can be made when multi-national unity is built in the struggle against capitalism and its fascist gangs like the Klan ★

'Once we stop believing in pie in the sky...
We can change this rotten system'

UNITE! received a copy of the following letter (excerpted) from a man in prison It is a response sent to his wife about a chain letter she was circulating in hopes that good fortune would suddenly fall on her family

As economic conditions for workers in the U S worsen alienation from a society ripe with degeneracy and a government becoming more bureaucratic and repressive increases

The potential for this alienation and dissatisfaction to be transformed into a revolutionary movement for socialism terrifies the capitalist class In retaliation the capitalists attempt to blunt or sidetrack this movement in a variety of ways. One way is by encouraging numerous quick fix schemes which promise an escape – sweepstakes game shows gambling and religious experiences Each offers possibilities ranging from a new house car or trip to millions of dollars and eternal life

All working people do not fall prey to these schemes as this letter from inside the walls clearly shows

Dear_____

I read the "chain letter" that you sent Next time when you visit we have to talk about chain letters They are just a gimmick to keep poor people occupied, to keep them hoping for some pie in the sky, so they will not do the things they have to do to get their oppressors off their back

Let me show you how it is It says in the chain letter that this guy Constantine Diaz received the chain letter in 1953 Now each person receiving it must send it to 20 people within four days So, let's figure this out

First person writes chain letter	
Sends it to 20 people	1 person
They each send it to 20 people	20 people
	400 people
They each send it to 20 people	8 000 people
	160,000 people
	3,200,000 people
And so on	64,000,000 people
	1,280,000,000 people
	25,600,000,000 people
	512,000,000,000 people

We could go on figuring but you can see how foolish it is Already, figuring four days between each of the mailings, on the 40th day, over **500 billion** people would be receiving the chain letter And all this would be back in 1953 Today there are only about **4 billion** people in the whole world. In other words, within 40 days, each person in the world would be receiving over a hundred copies of the chain letter to remail to 20 people each Within another 40 days (still back in 1953) nobody in world would be doing anything but mailing letters The entire world would have slowed to a stop

You can see that if the bad luck followed not re mailing the letter, then long ago, even before you were born, everyone in the world would have had bad luck hundreds of times over, because they would all have received hundreds of thousands of letters

But here is another thing This sort of stuff (chain letters) does not happen in the socialist countries because those peoples no longer believe in "God" or in bad luck or good luck They know that so long as they help one another, and cooperate with each other, and love one another, that they can keep on improving their standards of living In the capitalist countries, on the other hand, like the U S , the Netherlands, Venezuela, etc , there are many poor people In these countries the rich must come up with ways to keep the poor occupied and hopeful They do this by means of lotteries and "chain letters " They keep people hoping that a pie in the sky will drop on them, and that all of a sudden they will win millions of dollars

Let me draw you a picture of this society You can see with your own eyes that there are many, many poor people just like us You also know that up on top of us are a relatively few wealthy families This is the way things are Only 100 families, the Rockefellers, Mellons, DuPonts, etc , own 80% of all the factories and banks and agricultural land in the U S How do they do this? How can they continue to sit up there, on top of us, profiting off us, for so many years? One of the ways they do this is by confusing people with religion People are told that there is a "God" who loves them They are told that if they "pray" and "obey the commandments" that they will go to "heaven' **after they are dead!** The people are told that "blessed are the poor and the meek, for they shall inherit heaven" when they die

Just imagine millions of people down on their knees praying, hoping that after they die they will go to "heaven " If they would only get up off their knees and fight back, we could change the entire world so that there would be no poor people, no suffering, and no misery But so long as those millions are praying and waiting until they die, we have a hard time struggling to change these terrible conditions we live under

I care about people, I love people, and I do not want to see our children grow up in a world like this We can change it We can get together with other people like ourselves and fight back We can get the rich and wealthy off our backs We can stop them from profiting off of us We can share all that we produce among ourselves instead of letting them take their profits But first, we must stop believing in this stuff about "God" and "heaven" and "blessed are the poor " You know and I know, that it is not "blessed to be poor " It is rotten to be poor We want more than this for ourselves and for our children, and for their children People have to get up off their knees and start doing something other than praying

We can win because we are many And the oppressors are few The oppressors and the profiteers can only stay on top of us so long as they keep people tricked Once we stop believing in the pie in the sky, and we start getting together with others, we can change this entire rotten system ★

Chain Letter: "Trust in the Lord With all Your Heart . . ."

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and He will acknowledge and light the way."

This prayer has been sent to you for good luck. The original copy of it is from the Netherlands. It has been around the world nine times. The luck has been brought to you. You are to receive good luck within four days of receiving this letter. This is no joke. You will receive it in the mail.

Send copies of this letter to your friends, parents and acquaintances. Send it to people you think need good luck. DO NOT SEND MONEY. Do not keep this letter. It must leave you within 96 hours after you receive it. A R.A.F. officer received $70,000. Don Elliot received $50,000 but lost it because he broke the chain. While in the Phillipines, General Welen lost his life six days after he received the letter. He failed to circulate the prayer. However, before he died he received $775,000.

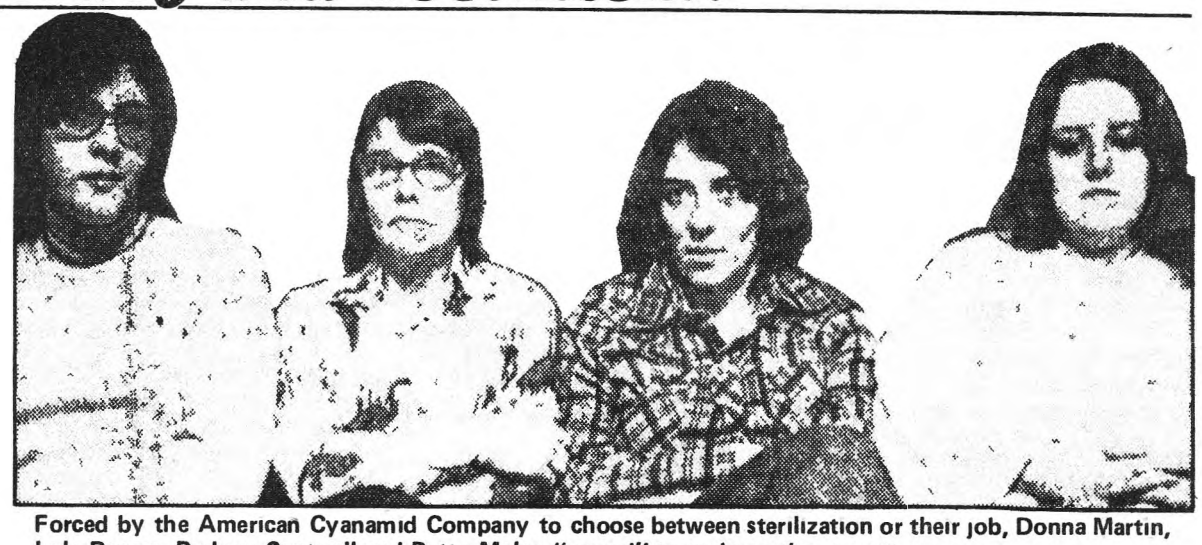
Please send twenty copies and see what happens to you on the fourth day. The chain comes from Venezuela and was written by St. Anthony de California, a missionary from South America. Since this chain must make a tour of the world, you must have twenty copies identical to this one. After a few days you will get a surprise. This is true even if you are not superstitious.

Take note of the following: Constantine Diaz received the chain in **1953** He asked his secretary to make twenty copies and send them. A few days later he won a lottery of a million dollars in his country Carco Cradoit, an office employee, received the chain. He didn't remember it and in a few days he lost his job. He found the letter and sent it to twenty people. Five days later he got a better job. Darin Merichild received the chain and did not believe it. He threw it away. Darin died nine days later. Not for any reason should this chain be broken.

For Democracy and Socialism!

Capitalists Demand Women Choose:

Children or Your Job!



Forced by the American Cyanamid Company to choose between sterilization or their job, Donna Martin, Lola Rymer, Barbara Cantwell and Betty Moler "agreed" to undergo the operation

Willow Island, West Virginia – "Facing the nation" with drawn looks and emotion choked words, five women testified on national television early this year that they had been forced to give up their right to bear children in order to keep their jobs

Is it not enough that the capitalists work us into the ground every week of every year? Threaten us with starvation and destitution? Shoot us down on the picket line? Poison and maim us, all in a day's work? These are "normal" labor management relations But do they have the "right" to steal our unborn babies, too?

The American Cyanamid Company claims that "right" They demanded that eight women workers in their West Virginia plant, pigment division, "agree" to be sterilized or take wage cuts and layoffs

Five women have undergone the operation Two , who refused, have been moved to janitorial jobs 43 year old Lola Rymer, mother of three children and wife of a disabled worker explains, "I did it because I was scared and had to have the income "

Barbara Cantwell, 31, sole supporter of two young children explains, "I didn't want to be sterile When you are faced with something like this from a big company you feel powerless What do you have to do to hold a normal job and support your child?"

Betty Moler explains, "I began to realize they were trying to get rid of us, that no matter what we women did they didn't want us They wanted us to give up and leave "

We have heard the testimony of the women Now let us hear the "defense" of the American Cyanamid butchers "We are on the side of the angels in this thing Our only aim was to protect the lives of unborn children We never threatened the women "

The Facts of the Case

Willow Island is a small West Virginia town on the Ohio River The effects of the economic crisis of capitalism have hit hard The best paying jobs–in fact, the "only jobs in town"–are at the huge American Cyanamid plant Entire families work there Notice of new hiring is passed by word of mouth

Every woman threatened is either the sole support of her family, or works along with her husband to make ends meet Several support extended families–aged parent or unmarried brothers and sisters

American Cyanamid is a chemical plant It is the 118th most profitable company of the thousands of U S corporations It employs 44,000 workers across the country

American Cyanamid is also a death-house, like thousands of other chemical plants The owners have steadfastly refused to implement health and safety precautions to protect the lives of workers At American Cyanamid, workers are exposed to lead dust concentrations five times higher than the "safe limits" imposed by OSHA standards

Lead is known to damage blood cells, the brain, nervous system and kidneys Side effects are at first, irritability and headaches Prolonged exposure causes severe anemia, stomach disorders, sterility in men, miscarriages in women, birth defects in children, and cancer

Long aware of the dangers, for there is no mystery here, last year the company instituted a policy of removing women workers from the pigment division They failed, however, to take any precautions regarding the danger to the ability of male workers to reproduce They have taken no steps to protect the health and safety of the workers themselves

It was at this point that the company confronted the women with the choice of 1) transferring to jobs paying equal wages if openings were available (which in fact they were not), 2) taking janitorial jobs paying $2 less an hour, or 3) sterilization

Our Conclusions

It doesn't take much insight to see that the company took its actions, not to protect the lives of unborn babies, but to protect it self from potential lawsuits in the face of rising working class outrage at the capitalists offensive on workers' health and safety Since no attempts have been made to prevent the lead poisoning, either its effect on male and female reproductive systems, or its effects on the general health of workers, we cannot conclude that the company is on the side of the "angels"

We do conclude that the company and its class are butchers To the capitalist, a worker is a commodity to exploit, poison and maim, and then throw out on the trash heap To the capitalist, a woman worker is a commodity to exploit at grossly unequal wages and working conditions, and then inflict special oppression, violence and brutality upon

Our Sentence

The women at American Cyanamid worked because they had to survive and support their families American Cyanamid gave them a choice between survival and sterilization This is forced sterilization and no weak kneed pleas to the contrary will convince us otherwise

We demand damages be paid to the women We demand that American Cyanamid clean up its plant We demand an end to forced sterilization

We also demand an end to wage slavery, because we believe the facts show that the capitalist class is unwilling to protect the lives of workers and their children, born or unborn

We sentence the American Cyanamid capitalists and their entire class to destruction We aim to overthrow you We, the working class of the U S , will seize political power and end the exploitation of man by man and the special violence and brutality inflicted upon women ★

American Cyanamid Workers Strike in New Jersey

Bound Brook, New Jersey – Workers at a New Jersey American Cyanamid plant have been out on strike since December 3, after negotiations on a new two year contract ground to a standstill The company has refused to move on the demand for improved health and safety conditions

The 1,000 workers, members of the International Chemical Workers Union, have charged the company with intentionally understating health hazards and deliberately concealing illness among workers

A study done by the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York, reveals the following findings

Workers in the pharmaceutical division are being exposed to at least one known cancer-causing chemical–acrylonitrile–because of leaking pipes

In the same department, workers are exposed to "massive" doses of at least nine suspected cancer-causing chemicals

In the dye division, workers are also exposed to a number of suspected cancer causing substances, and at least one known to cause cancer in humans

At least 15 cases of bladder cancer have been detected in the dyes division

The plant medical department has failed to inform workers of abnormalities in routine chest x rays.

Last May OSHA cited the company for health and safety violations The fine? $4,410 The company paid up, but continues to deny the charges and refuses to check the hazards Clearly it is more profitable to pay the fine and hire a new crop of workers, than to fix the leaky pipes, implement basic health and safety precautions and establish preventive medical check ups

American Cyanamid is not a "struggling" young corporation Of the thousands of U S companies, it is the 118th most profitable The corporation President draws a salary of nearly one half a million dollars a year

Exploiting the labor-power of 44,000 workers nationally, American Cyanamid is ruled by the ravenous hunger of monopoly capitalism Not only does American Cyanamid take the wealth created by its workers, but it also demands that they sacrifice their health on the almighty altar of profit in order to earn a wage

Reply to the Experts at Revising Marxism-Leninism

Our Party's Stand Toward Youth

Revolutionary workers and other progressive people should regularly study the "Ask An Expert" column which appears in the **Daily World**, newspaper of the revisionist CPUSA In this column, various opportunist CPUSA leaders expose the revisionist theory underlying their party s counter-revolutionary program

In the January 4, 1979 issue, a **Daily World** reader asks why it is necessary to form a Marxist Leninist youth organization in the United States The revisionist answer contains two major parts

We are expected to believe that youth need their own Marxist Leninist organization because "it is rare that you find young and old in the same organization "

This is a particularly frank and bold lie, even for the CPUSA All genuine communist parties have a large proportion of youth as members This is because Marxism Leninism unites both young and old revolutionaries into one organization Age differences do not require separation of young and old into separate organizations

Here the CPUSA revises Marxism Leninism with their bourgeois liberal sociology They use the "generation gap" to justify the well known fact that revolutionary working-class youth do not represent any significant proportion of the CPUSA membership

Next, we are told that a Marxist Leninist youth group is necessary because the Democrats and Republicans have youth groups

It comes as no surprise to us that the CPUSA puts forward the two major bourgeois parties as examples to copy The Democratic Party has its Young Democrats, so it is only "natural" that the CPUSA initiates the Young Workers Liberation League (YWLL) Their similar bourgeois interests are expressed in similar types of bourgeois youth organizations

And of course, the CPUSA resorts to its usual demagogy and trickery The CPUSA peddles the bourgeois YWLL to the unwary under a cover of liberal and revolutionary sounding phrases–even a quote from Lenin is used in an attempt to cover-up their bourgeois theory about youth It is this that makes the CPUSA so dangerous

What is missing from the CPUSA is Marxism-Leninism But, Lenin and Stalin have given us clear guidance on these questions

Why is a Marxist Leninist youth organization necessary in the United States? Why does our Party aim to build such an organization?

Youth are inclined toward ideals which call out for and require a fight for freedom To succeed in this fight requires both a Marxist Leninist youth organization and that young people join the ranks of the Party itself

By our example of training, discipline, and morality we provide leadership for all the youth Through their experience, the masses of youth learn the correctness of communist leadership and rally around our Party

But most importantly, proletarian revolution requires wave upon wave of trained successors Revolutionary youth are needed in the tasks of seizing state power in the U S and constructing the proletarian dictatorship, socialism and communism

So, the main necessity for a Marxist Leninist youth organization is to train successors to the proletarian revolutionary cause, including party membership

The tasks of these youth are above all to learn communism, to learn about and combat revisionism, to critically internalize the wealth of knowledge developed by mankind, to help our Party spread communism on the basis of education, and to arouse class hatred for the bourgeoisie

Marxist Leninist youth are not appendages of the bourgeois parties, be they Democrat or Republican, or CPUSA They are active participants in the struggle of all the toilers to destroy the bourgeoisie and all of its parties We are active, vanguard, fighting youth for the proletarian dictatorship, socialism, and communism ★

International

UNITE! welcomes the U.S. publication of Enver Hoxha's

Imperialism and the Revolution

The CPUSA/ML welcomes the publication of Enver Hoxha's **Imperialism and the Revolution** in the U S by World View Publications The publication of this Marxist-Leninist classic by Comrade Hoxha and its widespread availability in the U S through World View Publications is a major event in the world Marxist-Leninist movement

In its analysis of imperialism and opportunism of all varieties, its concrete application of Leninism to the problems of world revolution today, and its clear explanation of the strategy of world revolution, **Imperialism and the Revolution** is an important Marxist-Leninist classic which defends and contributes to the analysis of imperialism made by Lenin and Stalin

At a crucial point in the international class struggle, when imperialism and opportunism have brought forward Chinese revisionism to try to set back the world revolution, **Imperialism and the Revolution** speaks directly to many of the most important political and ideological questions of the class struggle It applies an extraordinary Marxist-Leninist insight, a vivid style, and a view of the international class struggle which consistently places the interests of the working class at the forefront

Ever since the 7th Congress of the Party of Labor of Albania in 1977, the nature of Chinese revisionism, the role of Mao Tsetung and other important questions have been widely discussed among Marxist-Leninists and many revolutionary workers around the world **Imperialism and the Revolution** presents the views of the PLA on these and other important questions in a comprehensive and often startling manner

The great merit of **Imperialism and the Revolution** is that it cuts through the ideological confusion that surrounds many questions and offers a consistent, comprehensive general line toward the class struggle today

Today, all those who fight for the world revolution, who stand with Marxism Leninism and proletarian internationalism, must make every effort to place the study of **Imperialism and the Revolution** at the center of their work

The CPUSA/ML stands in unity with the general line and thrust presented by the PLA on the main questions of imperialism and the revolution The CPUSA/ML applauds the publication of **Imperialism and the Revolution** by World View Publications, which was established to "make important new international works available in several languages in the U S , and to revive and support the creation of works which embody the views and interests of the working people of the U S and worldwide" (From WVP brochure) ★

EXCERPTS

"The United States of America will try to hold the balance between the Chinese power and the rising Japanese power But one fine morning, this balance will slip from its grasp and the Sino-Japanese imperialist militarist alliance will become a threat not only to the Soviet Union, but also to the United States of America itself, because the interests of these two big imperialist countries of Asia, China and Japan, converge in their aims of domination in Asia and elsewhere, and of weakening U S imperialism and Soviet social-imperialism

The great ambition of the Chinese leaders to transform their country into a superpower as soon as possible and to establish its hegemony everywhere, especially in the so-called third world, has impelled them to make incitement of inter-imperialist war the basis of their strategy and foreign policy They greatly desire a frontal clash between the United States of America and the Soviet Union in Europe, during which China, from a comfortable distance away, would warm its hands at the atomic holocaust that would destroy its two main rivals and leave it the all-powerful, sole ruler of the world

China's course of becoming a superpower will have grave consequences, first of all for China itself and the Chinese people

The Marxist-Leninist analysis of the Chinese policy leads to the conclusion that the Chinese leadership is driving China into an impasse By serving American imperialism and world capitalism it thinks it will draw some profits for itself, but these profits are dubious and will cost China dear They will bring the country to catastrophe and, of course, will have considerable repercussions in other countries as well

In these conditions, in order to become a superpower, China will have to go through two main phases first, it must seek credits and investments from U S imperialism and the other developed capitalist countries, purchase new technology in order to exploit its local wealth, a great part of which will go as dividends for the creditors Second, it will invest the surplus value extracted at the expense of the Chinese people in states of various continents, just as the U S imperialists and Soviet social-imperialists are doing today

The interference of the Soviet and Chinese social-imperialists in the various countries of Asia from their hegemonic and expansionist positions and ambitions has faced the liberation movements of these peoples with great dangers and has even put the victories of the liberation war in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos directly in jeopardy

The Soviet Union, which had turned into a revisionist country, into a social-imperialist state, built up its own strategy and tactics The Khrushchevites worked out such a policy as to enable them to disguise all their activity with Leninist phraseology They elaborated their revisionist ideology in such a way as to palm it off upon the proletariat and the peoples as the "Marxism-Leninism of the new period", so they could tell the communists, inside and outside the country, that "the revolution was continuing in the Soviet Union in the new political, ideological and economic conditions of world development", and not only that this revolution was continuing there, but that this country was allegedly going over to the stage of the construction of a classless communist society, where the party and the state were withering away

Proceeding from the Leninist theory of the revolution, the Party of Labour of Albania draws the conclusion that the situation in the world today is revolutionary in general, that this situation has matured, or is rapidly maturing, in many countries, while in other countries this process is developing.

The course of events showed that the Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution was neither a revolution, nor great, nor cultural, and in particular, not in the least proletarian It was a palace putsch on an all China scale for the liquidation of a handful of reactionaries who had seized power

In our press Mao Tsetung has been described as a great Marxist Leninist, but we never used and never approved the definitions of the Chinese propaganda which described Mao as a classic of Marxism-Leninism, and "Mao Tsetung thought" as its third and higher stage Our Party has considered the inflation of the cult of Mao Tsetung in China to be incompatible with Marxism-Leninism

In the letter he wrote to Chiang Ching on July 8, 1966, Mao Tsetung affirms, "the rightists in power might use my words to make themselves powerful for a certain time, but the left can use other words of mine and organize itself to overthrow the rightists" This shows that Mao Tsetung was not a Marxist-Leninist, that his views are eclectic This is apparent in all Mao's "theoretical works" which, although camouflaged with "revolutionary" phraseology and slogans, cannot conceal the fact that "Mao Tsetung thought" has nothing in common with Marxism-Leninism

We Marxist Leninists must fight and call on the workers, wherever they are, to rise up against their age old enemies and break their chains, to carry out the revolution, and not submit to monopolies and capitalists, as the modern revisionists advocate The task of the Marxist Leninists, of the true revolutionaries is to call on the proletarians and the peoples to rise for the new world, for their world, for the socialist world "

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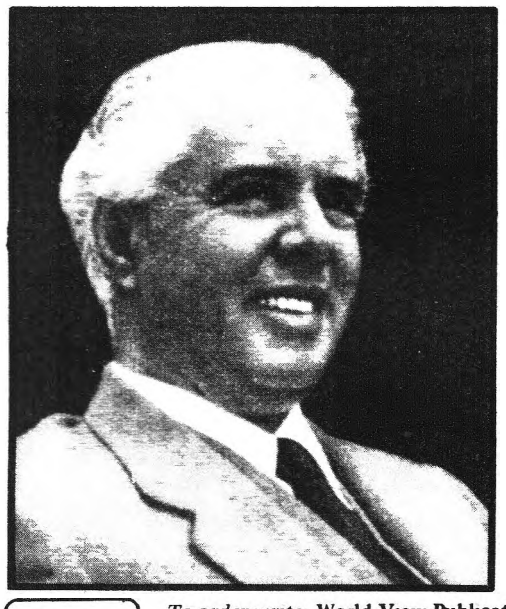

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International

Teng Comes Calling

U.S. Imperialists Roll Out the Red Carpet

(Continued from page 1)

means to sow confusion and dismay within the socialist camp, to divide and wreck the growing influence of the genuine Marxist Leninist parties in the world. The integration of China into the U.S. imperialist bloc, reason the imperialists, would open up a new chapter of world history, a "new world" in Carter's terms, that would supposedly ensure the indefinite survival of U.S. imperialism and permanently seal the fate of its most important imperialist foe, the Soviet Union.

For its part, China has been discredited by its support for fascist regimes such as the Shah of Iran. Its support for Pol Pot of Cambodia has raised many questions to the world's people.

In addition, the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. appears to be moving toward a new SALT agreement. The Chinese revisionists were envious and concerned about such attention to their arch rival, the U.S.S.R. Through Teng's visit they sought to offset the effects of this U.S.-Soviet cooperation and claim the role of the real supporters of "genuine detente".

China's Plans for Becoming a Superpower

The aim of Teng's travels to the U.S. were clear. For China to play its part as a world power, one that would not only catch up with but surpass even the U.S. and the Soviet Union, it needs help. It requires billions in credits, investments and trade—which it sought from the countries most able to provide these, the United States and its allies.

Utilizing the profits derived from the exploitation and oppression of its own millions of people at the hands of both foreign and Chinese capitalists, China plans to firmly establish itself as the unrivaled neo-colonial political leader of the "third world". Already overtures to reactionary leaders in Africa and the Caribbean indicate the aggressive character of this plan.

The Chinese themselves are not ashamed to point out their final aim. By the year 2000, they wish to overtake the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. as the most powerful country in the world. How? By preaching the inevitability of an imperialist world war and fostering its outbreak. To suit China's plans, this war would be centered in Europe, engulf the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. and allow China to emerge unscathed, much as the U.S. emerged after World War II, an economic and political imperialist giant. This is the 'new world order" Chinese revisionism promotes and the backbone of the "three worlds" theory.

All in all, both Teng and Carter were well pleased with their efforts. Relations between the two states have been placed on a bold but firm capitalist basis. Clearly the open counter-revolutionary cooperation between U.S. imperialism and Chinese revisionism will take bigger and bolder steps in the future. Teng did not miss any opportunity to dangle the promise of billions upon billions in future profits in front of the U.S. imperialists.

Even Teng's incessant anti-Soviet chorus, though officially unwelcome, no doubt found a gleeful support in the White House. Nothing could better support Carter's proposed $10 billion expansion of the military budget than a mild anti-Soviet tirade from Teng.

Regardless of the diplomatic language used during Teng's visit, it is clear that both the U.S. and China see their common enemy as Soviet social-imperialism. This is a fundamental basis for their alliance.

Attacks on the Struggle For Socialism

Through their alliance with U.S. imperialism, the Chinese revisionists also seek to undermine the struggle for socialism throughout the world. In particular, both directly and indirectly the Chinese have attacked the Party of Labor of Albania, which stands as a living rebuke to their revisionist goals and actions.

Ideologically, the Chinese revisionists have sought to create the maximum confusion on the nature of communism and its attitude toward capitalism. Promoting the revisionist view of peaceful co-existence and the necessity for the "anti-hegemonist united front" with U.S. imperialism, Teng paraded hand in hand with Henry Ford through the Ford Assembly plant in Atlanta. Along with the main representatives of the most bloodthirsty imperialism of our time, Teng attended banquets and dinners to toast the barons of finance capital. For Teng, the oppression of the Black Nation in the Black Belt South is of no concern. The fact that Boeing workers in Seattle were called in on overtime to perform for Teng was of little interest. Communism, Chinese style, Teng assures the world, presents no threat to world imperialism, and wants nothing different in life than Henry Ford.

This message was aimed as much at the audience in China as at the world working class. Introducing Coca Cola and disco to China were only the start. Daily TV broadcasts from Washington to China portrayed the "heavenly" nature of life in the U.S. Education, recreation and conditions of life typical of the upper strata of the petty bourgeoisie were promoted as the norm in U.S. society. Hikes in the woods, lunches of veal cordon bleu—such were the fruits of the "Four Modernizations" Teng promised the Chinese workers and peasants.

Even the "gala" display of capitalist culture at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts was no doubt anticipated by Teng as a golden opportunity to preview for the Chinese people the complete ideological attack against proletarian culture and art presently being unleashed.

Despite all these attempts to sow confusion in the working class, Chinese revisionist efforts to weaken the struggle for socialism and national independence will meet with utter failure. In fact, these efforts to weaken the Marxist-Leninist parties and to undermine the dictatorship of the proletariat in Albania have only served to sharpen the struggle against revisionism on all fronts and spur forward the worldwide friendship movement for socialist Albania.

Khrushchev, 1959. Teng, 1979

Not since the state visit of Nikita Khrushchev to the U.S. in 1959 has modern revisionism found such a whole hearted reception as the recent visit of Teng. In fact the similarities between the two visits could not be escaped by anyone who recalls the way in which Khrushchev, like Teng, applauded the great "achievements" of capital, science and technology on the part of U.S. imperialism.

Teng, like Khrushchev, has "forgotten" the class nature of U.S. imperialism and dismissed the exploitation and oppression of the U.S. working class and oppressed people. Whether preaching "peaceful coexistence" or the theory of the "three worlds", modern revisionism proves itself once again to stand as a vicious enemy of the people of the world, and a faithful servant of the imperialist bourgeoisie.

Today, China together with the Soviet Union represents the main bastion of revisionism and opportunism. Each, in turn, pursues the same imperialist aims and designs as the other major imperialist powers in the world.

But history itself proves that today's alliance between imperialist powers becomes the basis for imperialist contention and war tomorrow. Beneath the hand shakes and hoopla of Teng's visit are the deep going contradictions between the U.S., China and the Soviet Union and the contradictions among all the various imperialist, capitalist and revisionist powers. These lead inevitably to competition, conflict and confrontation between the reactionary powers in the struggle for new areas to plunder and dominate.

To the working class and oppressed people of the U.S. and China, the expanding alliance between the two countries is only a further indication that they face a common enemy—their own bourgeoisie and the imperialist world camp.

For the working class and oppressed people of China and the U.S. and worldwide, the state pilgrimage of Teng to the U.S. was a sight of profound tragedy and a warning of the bloodthirsty nature of the alliance that is being constructed.

In such conditions, it is our utmost duty to sharpen the struggle against imperialism and opportunism on every front, and to join with the Chinese workers and peasants in our common struggle for the overthrow of the reactionary world order and the establishment of socialism and communism.

Henry Ford II (right) takes Teng Hsiao-ping on personally guided tour of his assembly plant outside Atlanta. One week later, pointing out the future for Chinese workers subjected to the "modernization" found in the U.S., the plant was temporarily shut down and workers laid off.

RCP Sinks Deeper in the Swamp

How Could You Help But Notice?

In all the cities where he paraded, Chinese Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-p'ing was followed by what the capitalist press referred to as a band of "Maoists". This group frantically screamed infantile slogans and waved large pictures of Mao and the Red Book.

This fanatical gang was the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP). The RCP maintains that if only Mao had not died, all would be just fine in China. For the RCP, the success of a revolution depends on one man.

The RCP which once enjoyed the support of the Chinese leaders, now finds itself out of favor. the Communist Party/Marxist Leninist has taken its place. Undaunted, the RCP searched around and found a reason to exist. Organizing fanatical assaults on the police who protect Teng, it claims to uphold the genuine revolutionary banner of China.

In fact, it is exactly the grave deviations from Marxism-Leninism made by Mao which the RCP admires most. The denial of the Black National Question in the U.S., the social democratic nature of the Party reflected in factional infighting and unprincipled compromise, the failure to rely on the proletariat, all were views of Mao which are practiced today by the RCP.

The history of the RCP, its anti-Leninist views on almost every question of program, strategy and tactics, its white supremacist stand towards busing, its national chauvinist stand of complete isolation from the Marxist Leninists of the world, all have led the RCP down the road to its current position. Today, the RCP has become a favorite tool of the monopoly capitalists who try to portray all opposition to the revisionist course in China as either the right wing from Taiwan aligned with Goldwater or the lunatic, club-swinging 'communist fringe' represented by the RCP.

The RCP has been promoted in the bourgeois press in a big way in order to spread the cause of anti-communism and undermine the Marxist Leninist opposition to Chinese revisionism which does exist in the U.S. In this sense, the RCP plays a role no different from that of the National Caucus of Labor Committees and other social-fascist groups who have become pawns of the capitalist class.

Hand in hand with such activity is the RCP's degenerate attacks against Comrade Enver Hoxha and the Party of Labor of Albania. Throwing vicious slanders against Comrade Hoxha and the PLA, the RCP has again proven they stand with the U.S. bourgeoisie.

Long ago, the social fascist road of the RCP was pointed out. They actively fulfill these expectations today.

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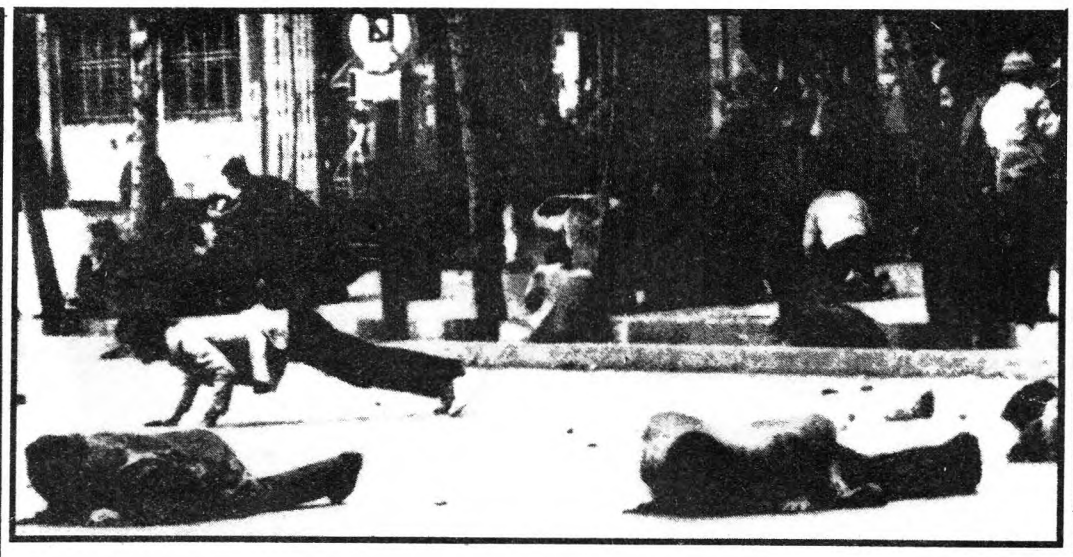

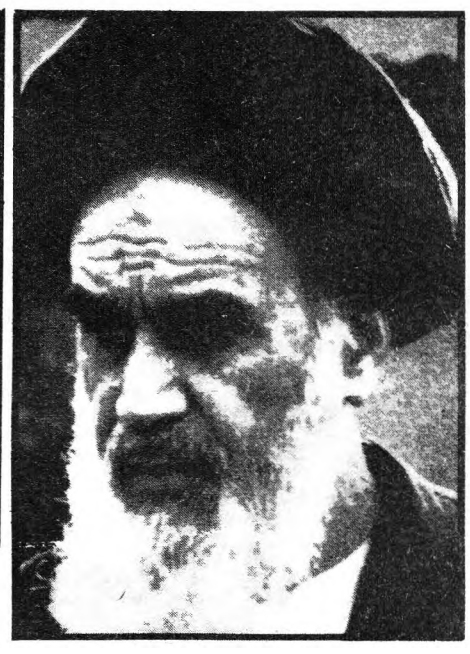

Bakhtiar and Khomeini:

Putting the Brakes on the Iranian Revolution

Now that Ayatollah Khomeini has returned to Iran, two self appointed governments in this Mid East powderkeg stand nose to nose Both the Shah appointed regime of Shahpur Bakhtiar and Khomeini's Provisional Government claim they will topple each other by any means necessary

Daily the struggle heightens Following on the heels of threats by both Bakhtiar and Khomeini, the masses take to the streets in demonstrations and counter demonstrations Sections of the armed forces, representing either side, attack the masses and each other In recent days, the demonstrating masses were given guns by deserting soldiers An armed civil war grows out of the mass demonstrations But where will this lead? Who will represent the interests of the oppressed Iranian masses who have been dying in the streets for the past several months? Bakhtiar? Khomeini?

Who Put the "Shah" in Shahpur?

Shahpur Bakhtiar is the Shah's hand picked successor He represents the interests of U S imperialism, and has already earned the hatred of the Iranian masses The armed forces loyal to Bakhtiar are those still loyal to the Shah Bakhtiar has used them to continue the Shah's program of fascist terror Days after he was appointed, the blood of the Iranian masses continued to flow in the streets Even while Bakhtiar promised the national independence of Iran, he was renewing deals with the representatives of U S imperialism in Tehran This man is neither anti-fascist nor anti-imperialist—the two main aims of the popular revolution in Iran

How Holy is the "Holy War"?

Sweeping in on a wave of popular support comes the Ayatollah Khomeini He claims to be an anti-imperialist, opposed to both U S imperialism and Soviet social imperialism He claims to lead a "holy crusade" to establish an Islamic republic But while he cautions the masses to keep their eyes to Allah, he has more earthly schemes in the works His newly appointed prime minister, Mehdi Bazargan, has assured U S imperialism that as soon as they gain state power a "beneficial working relationship with the U S is quite possible" At the same time another minister stands for nationalizing U S oil interests in Iran, a stand supported by the Soviet Union Though Khomeini hides behind a mask of anti imperialism, he plays one imperialist power off of another He is selling Iran's future to the highest bidder He is no anti imperialist, but instead a student of Tito's "non aligned nation ' humbug

And what of the Islamic Republic? Khomeini promises to restore the "democratic traditions" of the ancient and feudal days of Islamic rule in Iran But let's look a little deeper Khomeini has no intention of disturbing the rule of the capitalists in Iran, be they U S , Soviet, or their Iranian puppets This means there will still be a capitalist state and laws to exploit and oppress the working Iranian masses As such, this represents no great change from the days of the Shah What's more, feudal Islamic law can prove just as handy a tool for the subjugation of a people as Catholicism or Hinduism Khomeini is no anti fascist He is a wolf in sheep's clothing, who under the guise of morality, of "holy crusade", will keep the Iranian masses producing wealth for the Iranian bourgeoisie

Khomeini's appeal to mysticism is predictable First, the Islamic church which he heads in Iran, provides him with a built in state structure In fact, the church functionaries, mullahs, have been instrumental in organizing the mass support for Khomeini Second, the cloak of religion is used to mask the class essence of the struggle as in Lebanon or Ireland And thirdly, Khomeini declares the same "divine right" to rule as did the Shah, in order to mask the fact that he is riding to power on the back of a popular revolution

Chaos or Revolution?

The U S imperialists are also interested in hiding the class essence of this struggle U S Senators refer to Iran as "the unpredictable area" trying to put an aura of chaos and hysteria on this struggle They say, "No need to look too hard, because you can't understand those people any way " We say that there is everything to learn from a good look at the struggle in Iran

The upsurge in Iran is a product of imperialism We have seen it before and will see it again The struggle is an anti imperialist, national democratic revolution fought for two basic aims National independence from imperialism and an end to the fascist repression by the imperialist puppets, like the Shah, Marcos, or Pinochet Sections of the bourgeoisie will take part in this popular revolution, and, in the absence of the leadership of a communist party, will lead this popular movement no farther than another bourgeois regime But the Iranian bourgeoisie will only spur the masses on to a certain point Because of their fear of the working and oppressed people, fear of socialism and fear of losing their own class rule, these bourgeois "leaders" try to put the brakes on the mass movement while themselves jockeying for power As if driving a great car, each bourgeois wants the mass movement to stop at his palace The Shah tried to stop it by promising a few reforms The mass movement rolled on Bakhtiar is trying to stop it with fascist repression And Khomeini pushes it on , only to apply the brakes at his own doorstep

This is what Khomeini and Bakhtiar represent They are agents of the bourgeoisie who intend to take the popular revolution from the hands of the masses who have fought and died for it Both would place power in the hands of the bourgeoisie Already both have shown their willingness to use police terror, faked anti-imperialism and religious mysticism to win the masses to their side In this way they are no different than the Shah

But this is not the final step in the Iranian revolution The communist leadership of the Iranian workers and peasants is being built by the Communist Party of Workers and Peasants of Iran It is the job of communist leadership to push the mass movement beyond the doorstep of Khomeini, the mosque of the Iranian bourgeoisie, and to finally place state power in the hands of the workers and peasants themselves Who calls for this push forward?

Not the U S imperialists They want the most cooperative puppet in power that the masses will accept Not the Soviet social imperialists They want a bourgeois ruler who will cut the U S oil supply and turn the pipeline north Not the Socialist Workers Party They call for a constituent assembly, 'shared" power with bourgeoisie Not the Communist Party U S A They back Khomeini because he represents a possible gain for Soviet imperialism (And this with their hands still bloody from similar treachery in Chile)

The Marxist Leninist parties of the world today give support to the popular revolution in Iran Part of this support is the responsibility to point out the false resolutions of Bakhtiar and Khomeini We know that the Iranian masses will continue their long struggle toward freedom, political power, and socialism ★

COUSML Gets in Step

In Case You Didn't Notice

The Central Organization of U S Marxist Leninists (COUSML) has found it necessary to abruptly change its colors in order to appear to be in step with the world Marxist Leninist movement In the January 3rd issue of their irregularly published newspaper, **The Workers Advocate,** we find two interesting developments

First, COUSML no longer includes Mao Tsetung along with Marx, Engels, Lenin and Stalin in its ads and logos This is particularly curious because no one in the U S has taken a more anti Leninist stand, or more infantile left position than COUSML For 10 years COUSML claimed "Mao Tsetung is our chairman" and that "Mao Tsetung Thought represents a new and higher stage of Marxism Leninism "

Noted for their curious appearance with Red Books held aloft and huge Mao buttons, COUSML now finds this fashion out of step Without a word it has adopted a more conservative stance in order to try to win a place for itself within the ranks of Marxist Leninists

Second, we find that Mao Tsetung s favorite star in the United States, William Z Foster no longer holds a place of honor with COUSML Until recently, COUSML bookstores proudly bore the name William Z Foster Bookstores Again without explanation, this was dropped in November and the stores renamed Marxist Leninist Books and Periodicals

As the Marxist Leninist parties throughout the world broaden and deepen the struggle against Chinese revisionism, many anti Leninist groups will try to recloak themselves in order to appear as Marxist Leninists For COUSML, however, its history and its current existence has nothing to do with the proletariat and oppressed people in U S Donning new robes will hardly change its revisionist essence